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SUBJ: LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE: INVITATION TO "PRG" PARTICIPATION

1. IN DISCUSSION AND DEBATE CONCERNING INVITATION FOR "PRG" TO ATTEND LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE, WE BELIEVE USDEL AND DEPARTMENT WILL FIND FOLLOWING UNCLASSIFIED REPORT, COMPILED FROM SOURCES AVAILABLE HERE, HELPFUL IN DEMONSTRATING THAT "PRG" IN REALITY NOTHING MORE THAN AN EXTENSION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DRV, WHICH IS ALREADY REPRESENTED AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE NORTH VIETNAMESE HAVE ORGANIZED A CIVIL ADMINISTRATION AND ESTABLISHED PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION MECHANISMS IN THE COMMUNIST CONTROLLED AREA OF QUANG TRI PROVINCE. THEY HAVE, IN EFFECT, INTEGRATED THEIR PORTION OF THE PROVINCE INTO THE POLITICAL

AND ECONOMIC STRUCTURE OF NORTH VIETNAM. A PROVINCIAL LEVEL GOVERNMENT SIMILAR TO THAT IN THE NORTH VIETNAMESE PROVINCES HAS BEEN SET UP. THE GOVERNMENT IS FUNDED, STAFFED AND SUPPLIED BY THE DRV. IN MOST CASES THE PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENTS AND DISTRICT BUREAUS BEAR THE SAME TITLES AS THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN NORTH VIETNAM.

3. SINCE NOV 1972 THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF QUANG TRI

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DEPARTMENTS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE CONTROL OF DRV IN THE

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4. FURTHER EVIDENCE OF INTEGRATION CAME FROM A REFUGEE RETURNEE WHO REPORTED THAT THE COMMUNIST CADRE IN DONG HA REFER TO THAT CITY AS THE QUANG TRI PROVINCIAL HEADQUARTERS OF NORTH VIETNAM. A RALLIER STATED IN AUGUST 1973, THAT THE LIBERATION NEWS AGENCY REFERRED TO QUANG TRI AS A PART OF NVN AND QUANG TRI NEWS ITEM ARE NOW CARRIED AS A PART OF THE COVERAGE OF NORTH VIETNAM. A STATE BANK HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN QUANG TRI, WHICH IS A BRANCH OF THE PARENT UNIT IN DRV AND NORTH VIETNAMESE CURRENCY IS USED FOR ALL FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS, THOUGH SOME SOUTH VIETNAMESE CURRENCY IS STILL ACCEPTED. OTHER REPORTS INDICATE THAT QUANG TRI IS PART OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE REAR BASE AREA AND THAT FAMILIES OF NVA TROOPS ARE BEING SENT THERE TO JOIN THE TROOPS AND HELP RESETTLE THE AREA. END TEXT.

5. DONG HA IN QUANG TRI IS WHERE ENVOYS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES HAVE PRESENTED CREDENTIALS TO SO-CALLED PRG.

6. TO BUTTRESS POINT USDEL MAY WISH TO POINT OUT THAT, WHILE PRESSURING OTHERS TO RECOGNIZE "PRG", HANOI ITSELF HAS NO RPT NO DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH "PRG". LATTER HAS ONLY A "SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE" IN HANOI, WHILE DRV DOES NOT EVEN GO THROUGH FICTION OF SENDING DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION TO "PRG" (STATE A-1238 PARA 9).
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